RECHARGE



Luke 12:49—17:10

VOLUME SIX



INTRODUCTION

"Open my mind and let me discover the wonders of your Law."

Psalm 119:18 (CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION)

Recharge /rē Chärj/ transitive verb. 1 to charge again with electricity.
2 to refresh or restore; revitalize. Intransitive verb. 3 to make a new charge, esp. to attack again. 4 to revive or restore energy, stamina, enthusiasm, etc.

Every day, we are faced with challenges and difficulties that can wear us down and make us want to just stay in bed. Our motivation to "take on the day" ebbs and flows like the ocean tides. This is why it is vital for us to start each day in the Word of God. It will be the recharge that you need to kick start your day! The book that you are holding is intended to supplement this daily devotional process.

God has a plan for your life and that plan includes being transformed into the likeness of His Son—Jesus Christ. In Colossians 1, Paul prayed for these believers "to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). It is our prayer that this *Recharge* booklet will help you do just that—bear fruit and increase in the knowledge of God!

Our Continuing Study in the Gospel of Luke

Back in the fall of 2021, we started a study through the Gospel of Luke. We have had forty-four sermons so far in this series covering the first twelve chapters of the book, and Lord willing, we will finish in the spring of 2027. Our plan for this segment of the study will be to focus

primarily on Luke 13—16 in the months of May, June and July. This is a continuation of the section of Luke's gospel that we have titled, "The Mission and Teaching of Christ." We will look at the last portion of this section next year. Here is a brief overview of the gospel:

- I. The Prelude to Christ's Ministry (Luke 1:1—2:52)
- II. The Preparation for Christ's Ministry (Luke 3:1—4:13)
- **III. The Starting Point for Christ's Ministry** (Luke 4:14—6:49)
- IV. The Person and Power of Christ (Luke 7:1—9:50)
- V. The Mission and Teaching of Christ (Luke 9:51—19:27)
- VI. The Passion and Triumph of Christ (Luke 19:28—24:53)

The life and ministry of Jesus provides us with a glimpse into the purposes and priority of our Lord as He walked this earth about 2,000 years ago. He is the One who should be our example for living! For Him to be our example, it is important that we study His life—His teachings, His attitude and His actions.

In the handy guide to Bible reading—How to Read the Bible Book by Book—the authors give some explanation to this section of Luke. They write: "In 9:51 Jesus 'resolutely set out for Jerusalem'; he does not arrive there until 19:45. Although regularly portrayed in this long section as on the way to Jerusalem (10:38; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31), Jesus still gathers disciples around him, challenges all with his teachings, rejects a pharisaic understanding of God, and in turn is finally rejected by the religious and political authorities" (Fee & Stuart 287). It is important to always keep in mind that all these events and teachings occur as Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem, and He knows what awaits Him when He arrives!

A HELPFUL RESOURCE

Just like we did in the last *Recharge* book on Luke, we will once again be reading the parallel (or companion) passages of each week's sermon text as our SOAP journal passages when it is available. Not every passage in Luke's gospel has a parallel in one of the other gospel

accounts. It is always important to consider all the nuances of the other gospel accounts when studying this genre of biblical literature.

If you would like to download a chart to help you see all the parallel passages, I would invite you to scan this QR Code. It will take you to a website where you can <u>download</u> a document called "A Harmony of the Gospels."

SUMMER 2025 RECHARGE STUDIES

This issue of *Recharge* is designed to be your companion through the next section of the Gospel of Luke (12:49—17:10). This book is the sixth volume in this series of studies. If you were not able to get a copy of the previous volumes, please contact someone in the church office to see if copies are still available. As you work through this book, you will notice that each week of study contains:

- TWO pages to take notes from each Sunday's sermons.
- A QR code link to the YouVersion study notes for each week.
- A page for notes/prayer concerns from your Community group.
- A Bible reading plan to SOAP journal through the parallel passages of our text in the other gospels. Instructions for SOAP journaling are located at the back of the book.
- Two days of follow-up studies from that week's sermon passage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of our pastors. Our prayer is that these studies will provide you with a daily *Recharge* for your life!

Pastor Wade Allen

WEEK 1 MAY 4, 2025

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 12:49—13:9

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the You Version Blole App



Location:	Date:
Prayer Concerns:	
Lesson Notes:	

COMMUNITY GROUP

WEEK 1 DAY 1

SOAP JOURNAL

Bible Reading:

Luke 12:49—13:9 (no parallel passage)

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 12:49-53. This "baptism" is something for Jesus alone to endure. To what event is He referring? What great "distress" was Jesus waiting for? (cf. Romans 6:3-4)

Considering passages such as John 14:27, to what is Jesus referring in verses 51-53?

What will be the dividing issue that will cause sons and daughters to be against fathers and mothers? (cf. Romans 10:9-13)

Read Luke 12:54-56. What are some examples of how we might know that the weather is about to change?

What does Jesus chastise them for in verse 56? What is Jesus referring to when He says, "Do you not know how to interpret the present time"?

What were they not able to see coming as a result of their hypocrisy? (cf. Luke 11:20)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 13:6-9. What are parables? What parable do we find here?

What do the different parts of the parable represent:

- The fig tree?
- The vinedresser?
- The fruit?

Read Matthew 7:15-20. How does Jesus' teaching on fruit here help us to understand the parable in Luke 13:6-9?

What is significant about the "three years" of barrenness for this fig tree? What does this teach us about the nature and character of God?

How is our understanding of God reinforced by the additional year that was granted to the barren fig tree?